

# News Release



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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### **HERNANDEZ JR. BECOMES 12<sup>TH</sup> JOCKEY TO WIN 700 RACES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021)** – **Brian Hernandez Jr.** became only the 12<sup>th</sup> jockey in Churchill Downs history to ride 700 winners at the home of the Kentucky Derby when the 35-year-old won Thursday's third race aboard **Dream On It** for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

Hernandez Jr., who began riding professionally in 2003, won his first race at Churchill Downs aboard **Machine to Tower** on May 27, 2004. Overall, the native of Lafayette, La. has won 2,233 races and his mounts have amassed more than \$95.7 million from 16,164 starts during an 18-year riding career.

He won the Eclipse Award in 2004 as the nation's champion apprentice jockey. In 2012, Hernandez Jr. won the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita aboard **Fort Larned** for his biggest career win.

The top 12 jockeys in races won at Churchill Downs: 1. **Pat Day** (2,482), 2. **Calvin Borel** (1,232), 3. **Robby Albarado** (1,192), 4. **Corey Lanerie** (1,151), 5. **Julien Leparoux** (982), 6. **Don Brumfield** (925), 7. **Larry Melancon** (914), 8. **Jim McKnight** (883), 9. **Charlie Woods Jr.** (757), 10. **Shane Sellers** (738), 11. **Shaun Bridgmohan** (728) and 12. **Brian Hernandez Jr.** (700).

### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

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